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18:1 Nevertheless, thy saints had a very great light, whose voice they hearing, and not seeing their shape, because they also had not

suffered the same things, they counted them happy.

18:2 But for that they did not hurt them now, of whom they had been wronged before, they

thanked them, and besought them pardon, for that they had been enemies.

18:3 Instead whereof thou gavest them a burning pillar of fire, both to be a guide of the

unknown journey, and an harmless Sun to entertain them honourably.

18:4 For they were worthy to be deprived of light, and imprisoned in darkness, who had kept thy sons

shut up, by whom the uncorrupt light of the law was to be given unto the world.

18:5 And when they had determined to slay the babes of the Saints, one child being cast

forth, and saved:
to reprove them,
thou tookest away
the multitude of
their children, and
destroyedst them
altogether in a
mighty water.
18:6 Of that night
were our fathers

certified afore, that assuredly knowing unto what oaths they had given credence, they might afterwards be of good cheer.

18:7 So of thy people was

accepted both the salvation of the righteous, and destruction of the enemies.

18:8 For wherewith thou didst punish our adversaries, by the same thou

didst glorify us whom thou hadst called.

18:9 For the righteous children of good men did sacrifice secretly, and with one consent made a holy law, that the

Saints should be alike partakers of the same good and evil, the fathers now singing out the songs of praise.

18:10 But on the other side there sounded an ill-

according cry of
the enemies, and
a lamentable noise
was carried
abroad for
children that were
bewailed.

18:11 The master
and the servant
were punished

after one manner, and like as the king, so suffered the common person.

18:12 So they altogether had innumerable dead with one kind of death, neither

were the living sufficient to bury them: for in one moment the noblest offspring of them was destroyed.

18:13 For whereas they would not believe any thing

by reason of the enchantments, upon the destruction of the first born, they acknowledged this people to be the sons of God.

18:14 For while all things were in

quiet silence, and
that night was in
the midst of her
swift course,
18:15 Thine almighty
word leapt down
from heaven out
of thy royal
throne, as a fierce
man of war into

the midst of
a land of
destruction,
18:16 And brought
thine unfeigned
commandment as
a sharp sword,
and standing up
filled all things
with death, and it

touched the heaven, but it stood upon the earth.

18:17 Then suddenly visions of horrible dreams troubled them sore, and terrors came upon them

unlooked for.

18:18 And one thrown here, and another there, half dead, shewed the cause of his death.

18:19 For the dreams that troubled them, did

foreshew this, lest they should perish, and not know why they were afflicted.

18:20 Yea, the tasting of death touched the righteous also, and there was a

destruction of the multitude in the wilderness: but the wrath endured not long.

18:21 For then the blameless man made haste, and stood forth to defend them, and

bringing the shield of his proper ministry, even prayer and the propitiation of incense, set himself against the wrath, and so brought the calamity to an

end, declaring that he was thy servant.

18:22 So he overcame the destroyer, not with strength of body, nor force of arms, but with a

word subdued him that punished, alleging the oaths and covenants made with the fathers.

18:23 For when the dead were now fallen down by heaps one upon

another, standing between, he stayed the wrath, and parted the way to the living.

18:24 For in the long garment was the whole world, and in the four rows of the stones was the

glory of the fathers graven, and thy majesty upon the diadem of his head.

18:25 Unto these the destroyer gave place, and was afraid of them: for it was enough that

they only tasted
of the wrath.